

# Felixstowe International College

15 October 2019

Maybush Lane, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 7NA

## Overall outcome

Boarding provision

**The school does not meet all of the national minimum standards that were checked during this inspection**

## Main inspection findings

### The overall experiences and progress of children

- On 2 April 2019, Ofsted undertook a full inspection of this school. At that inspection, the school was judged as good. However, three national minimum standards were unmet.
- This progress monitoring visit was undertaken to monitor whether the school's action plan had been implemented and to identify whether the school is now meeting the previously unmet national minimum standards.
- The visit found that two of the three national minimum standards are now met. One national minimum standard remains unmet. However, progress has been made in addressing the issues that led to the standard not being met.
- Some actions that were necessary to ensure that national minimum standard 13.7 was met were only completed by the school on the day of the visit.
- At the full inspection on 2 April 2019, national minimum standard 5.4 was unmet because, despite some improvements, the quality of the accommodation remained poor. Doors were damaged, the carpet was in a very poor condition, including in boarders' rooms, a window was broken in a communal area and some window frames were in a poor condition. This longstanding, repeated shortfall significantly affected the quality of the boarding environment.
- This progress monitoring visit found that managers have made improvements to the environment. The damaged carpets in children's bedrooms have been replaced. This has improved the look of children's rooms. Doors have been replaced. Actions relating to the windows have not been taken within the timescales stated in the school's action plan. Therefore, national minimum standard 5.4 remains unmet. However, new windows have been ordered. The information gathered indicates that national minimum standard 5.4 will be met if these actions are completed.
- At the full inspection on 2 April 2019, national minimum standard 13.7 was unmet because leaders and managers did not ensure that policies and procedures were up to date. This progress monitoring visit found that policies had been updated. However, at the start of the visit, neither the safeguarding policy nor the allegations policy had been added to the school website. In addition, the allegations policy continued to contain out-of-date information. These issues were addressed on the day of the visit. Therefore, national minimum standard 13.7 is now met.
- At the full inspection on 2 April 2019, national minimum standard 15.1 was unmet because, although the deputy principal felt supported, they had not had an appraisal for almost two years and had not received regular reviews of their boarding practice. This member of staff was managing the boarding provision and had significant

safeguarding responsibilities. Lack of regular practice review and appraisal meant that they were not provided with the full support that they needed to carry out their role. This progress monitoring visit found that all boarding staff, including the person in charge of boarding, have had an appraisal. National minimum standard 15.1 is now met.

## **Compliance with national minimum standards for boarding schools**

### **The school does not meet the following national minimum standards for boarding schools**

*Standards that were not met at the previous inspection*

- Boarding houses and other accommodation provided for boarders are appropriately lit, heated and ventilated, cleaned and maintained, and reasonable adjustments are made to provide adequate accessible accommodation for any boarders with restricted mobility. (NMS 5.4)

### **The school now meets the following national minimum standards for boarding schools**

- The school follows and maintains the policies and documents described in Appendix 1. (NMS 13.7)
- Any staff member or volunteer employed or volunteering in a position working with boarders has a job description reflecting their duties, receives induction training in boarding when newly appointed, and receives regular reviews of their boarding practice, with opportunities for training and continual professional development in boarding. (NMS 15.1)

## School details

Unique reference number	124899
Social care unique reference number	SC024579
DfE registration number	935/6076
Inspection number	10099001

The inspection of boarding provision was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent boarding school
Age range of pupils	9 to 19
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	20
Number of boarders on roll	18
Headteacher	Rebecca Mainprice
Head of boarding provision	Chaerin Lee
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Date of previous boarding inspection	2 April 2019

### Information about this school

- Felixstowe International College is an independent boarding school located in a residential area on the outskirts of Felixstowe.
- The boarding accommodation and the school are on the same site.
- The college accommodates up to 32 students, aged nine to 19.
- At the time of the inspection, the college had 19 boarders.
- The last full inspection of the boarding provision was in April 2019.

## Information about this inspection

- This inspection was carried out at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. The purpose of the inspection was to monitor the progress that the school has made in meeting the national minimum standards that it had not complied with at its previous inspection.

## Inspection team

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